

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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Report for the month of MAY, 1945.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; and Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area).

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1944, was estimated to be 488,348.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

(Issues prior to April 1945 contained particulars for Metropolitan Area only).

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

			APRIL		4 months ended April	
			1945	1944	1945	1944
Marriages	..	No.	351	398	1,372	1,583
"		*Rate per 1000 of population.	8.71	10.03	8.52	9.90
Births	..	No.	925	847	3,837	3,608
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	22.95	21.34	23.84	22.57
Deaths	..	No.	353	295	1,444	1,349
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	8.76	7.43	8.97	8.44
Infant Mortality		No.	24	23	96	119
"	"	Rate per 1000 live births	25.95	27.15	25.02	32.98
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -						
Tuberculosis			13	9	59	43
Cancer			47	45	193	183
Influenza			-	1	1	1
Diphtheria			-	1	6	5
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			35	24	145	106
Arteriosclerosis			17	19	60	53
Diseases of the Heart			83	77	339	318
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			24	17	79	88
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			6	2	23	15
Nephritis			15	10	60	46
Diseases of Early Infancy			13	14	50	69
Senility			12	6	53	47
Accidents			20	15	78	84
All Other Causes			68	55	298	291
Total			353	295	1,444	1,349

\*Equivalent Annual Rate.

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the five months ended May 1945 totalled 95,831 acres, an increase of 9,787 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 959,331 acres, a decrease of 420,939 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of MAY		11 months ended May	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue ..	1,054,578	1,114,003	12,553,255	12,079,222
Revenue per Head of Population.	£2.2.11d.	£2.6.0d.	£25.14.1d.	£25.0.11d.
Expenditure ..	1,140,127	1,087,548	12,664,824	12,154,784
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.6.5d.	£2.4.11d.	£25.18.8d.	£25.4.1d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st May 1945 amounted to £30,929,122, or £62.18.11d. per head of population, as against £24,802,130, or £51.3.5d. per head as at the 31st May last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 28th May, 1945, amounted to £2,706,221, compared with £2,833,696 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds			MAY		11 months ended May	
			1945	1944	1945	1944
Transfers	..	(No.	964	832	9,480	6,857
		(£.	460,863	330,307	3,789,445	2,776,577
Mortgages	..	(No.	313	218	2,704	1,999
		(£.	312,402	204,326	2,745,747	1,582,762
Discharges of Mortgages		No.	597	516	5,399	5,212

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
1944 - May	683,010	571,025	1,510,170	115,254
June	755,542	590,549	1,638,830	112,306
July	706,185	668,445	1,897,871	110,856
August	813,398	663,749	1,448,938	118,491
September	926,471	805,080	1,545,195	110,574
October	1,099,405	509,349	1,394,583	116,416
November	874,649	771,898	1,622,266	112,531
December	712,619	567,240	1,395,211	112,383
1945 - January	808,314	604,283	1,708,485	128,267
February	711,327	640,732	1,180,561	109,340
March	697,298	750,151	1,362,562	108,056
April	765,446	685,948	1,276,250	110,919
May	854,328	759,824	1,739,042	129,591

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

Eleven Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £163,000, and six Foreign Companies were registered for the ten months ended 31st May, 1945. For the corresponding period last year there were three local companies, with a nominal capital of £12,100, and nine foreign companies registered.

BANKRUPTCY.

	11 months ended May					
	1945			1944		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	2	3,257	2,046	6	6,668	5,413
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	672	1,016	1	780	661
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

		APRIL		Ten months ended April	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Gross Earnings	£.	331,200	340,600	3,619,300	3,665,100
Working Expenses	£.	314,167	286,949	3,097,000	3,130,453
Train miles run		509,924	487,453	5,249,137	5,077,829
Passenger Journeys		1,418,999	1,524,152	15,233,103	15,573,464
Tonnage carried -					
Paying Goods		230,051	220,072	2,320,356	1,938,960
Livestock		7,978	8,023	125,344	127,997
Departmental (Free Freight)		52,889	37,922	466,097	381,589
Total		290,918	266,017	2,911,797	2,448,546
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		28,392,547	25,763,051	264,324,234	236,205,400
Livestock		754,447	810,394	13,809,987	15,068,966
Departmental (Free Freight)		7,288,926	4,972,304	66,469,944	56,352,984
Total		36,435,920	31,545,749	344,604,165	307,627,350

## MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

## (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars) No.	Wagons, Vans, Utilities No.	Buses No.	Motor Cycles No.	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars) No.	Wagons, Vans, Utilities No.	Buses No.	Motor Cycles No.
Year 1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
1945 -								
January	5	8	-	12	5	30	-	15
February	-	15	1	-	-	38	1	4
March	1	26	1	24	3	33	1	33
April	1	20	-	2	1	79	-	8
May	2	22	2	24	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).  
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars) No.	Wagons, Vans, Utilities No.	Buses No.	Motor Cycles No.	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars) No.	Wagons, Vans, Utilities No.	Buses No.	Motor Cycles No.
1944 -								
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,324
December	18,083	6,244	246	2,491	30,051	22,946	298	4,031
1945 -								
January	18,135	6,305	242	2,543	29,754	22,042	289	4,043
February	18,261	6,384	244	2,612	30,199	22,687	296	4,193
March	18,265	6,384	244	2,616	30,311	22,913	297	4,240
April	18,380	6,498	244	2,695	30,370	23,185	294	4,376
May	18,464	6,599	244	2,775	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

## (3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc,	Buses	Motor Cycles
1945 - MARCH	89	342	4	6



## BUILDING ACTIVITY.

## (1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
MAY, 1945	62	45,920	2	3,935	195	26,720	259	76,575
MAY, 1944	20	10,305	1	2,500	102	6,270	123	19,075
11 months ended May, 1945	470	318,200	19	44,873	1275	186,815	1764	549,888
11 months ended May, 1944	104	50,489	19	39,548	855	114,182	978	204,219

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.  
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
MAY, 1945	1	530	1	2,000	27	1,350	29	3,880
MAY, 1944	1	725	1	110	21	1,038	23	1,873
11 months ended May, 1945.	66	48,639	12	6,807	253	14,687	331	70,163
11 months ended May, 1944	18	5,700	8	1,885	162	7,986	188	15,571

## BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

263,585 lbs. were produced during April 1945, and 11,323,273 lbs. for the ten months ended April 1945, as against 266,782 lbs. and 12,651,858 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

## GOLD PRODUCTION.

		MAY		5 months ended May	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Quantity	Fine Oz.	34,202	37,762	185,646	173,446
Value	(Australian Currency) £.	362,545	394,616	1,967,857	1,812,517

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the five months ending May 1945 amounted to £66,809, as against £414,188 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000).

	MAY		11 months ended May	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
<u>Food and Groceries:</u>				
Metropolitan Area	1062	1054	1059	1053
Walgoolie-Boulder	1192	1174	1187	1170
Northam	1071	1070	1069	1061
Bunbury	1049	1034	1043	1027
Geraldton	1086	1097	1088	1095

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees) = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) 'Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000				
	1941	1942	1943	1944(a)	1945(a)	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	109	116	128	137	142	-	1014	865	826	870
February	111	118	130	138	143	-	986	861	824	868
March	112	118	132	139	142	-	962	846	825	877
April	111	118	134	139		-	955	835	827	
May	112	119	134	140		-	927	836	832	
June	113	118	135	139		-	907	835	829	
July	113	117	136	140(a)		1000	888	828	832	
August	113	119	136	140		987	882	814	832	
Sept.	114	120	137	140		994	877	806	834	
October	115	122	138	141		996	874	801	837	
November	116	123	136	142		1016	873	814	851	
December	118	124	137	143		1028	886	840	886	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1944 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	MAY		11 months ended May	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Units Generated .. (1000 K.W.H.)	14,898	15,595	169,398	158,569
Units Sold .. (1000 K.W.H.)	12,583	13,619	143,522	134,815